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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7108**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1945

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 30, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Mobile Phone Use in Motor Vehicles.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Thompson

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill makes it a Class D infraction to operate a motor vehicle and simultaneously use a mobile telephone, except in an emergency situation. It provides that a motor vehicle may be stopped to determine compliance only in conjunction with another motor vehicle violation. The bill also permits a court to order a six-month suspension of the driver's license of a minor who violates the mobile telephone law.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** If additional court cases occur, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if infraction judgments are collected.

If a criminal action, infraction, or ordinance violation involves a traffic violation, including this proposed offense, a Highway Work Zone Fee of either 50 cents or \$25.50 is assessed.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:**

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